## S/N 09/965,419 PATENT

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 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING INFORMATION

## Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR §181(a)

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the present application, the Applicants petition to withdraw holding of abandonment under 37 CFR §181(a) as the above referenced application has gone abandoned due to nonreceipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 27, 2006,

Applicants were not aware of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment until receiving a telephone call on February 28, 2007 from "Christine", who identified herself as a secretary at the USPTO, asking if this application was being abandoned. Upon receipt of the call, Applicants reviewed PAIR and downloaded a copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Under the reasoning of *Delgar v. Shulyer*, 172 USPQ 513 (D.D.C. 1971) an allegation that an Office action was never received may be considered in a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. MPEP §711.03(c)(I) provides that in such situations the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment may be filed under 37 CFR 181(a) without payment of a fee.

Accordingly, the below signed practitioner, as representative for the Applicants, attests that he did not receive the Office Communication of February 27, 2006 and a search of the docket records indicates that such Communication was not received.

Included herein is a copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment would have been entered had it been received. Note that the docket reflects that the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2006 was not received until March 1, 2007, when the applicant obtained a copy from PAIR after receiving the phone call from the USPTO.

Accordingly, the Applicant believes that all requirement set forth by 37 CFR 181(a) and MPEP \$711.03(c)(I)(a) have been met. Therefore the Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn in the present case. In addition, a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 27, 2006 is being filed separately herewith.

Should any additional fees, not otherwise provided herein, be required please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully Submitted,

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